

Certification/Accreditation

Required Certification Levels for Library **Directors**:

<i>Required Certification Grade Levels for Library Directors</i>	
Population Served	Certification Grade Levels
10,000+	I
3,500-9,999	II or higher
1-3,499	III or higher

Accreditation - Exemplary Level:

- Meets ALL of the Essential Standards
- Meets ALL of the Enhanced Standards
- Meets ALL but two of the Exemplary Standards (not in the same category)

Accreditation - Enhanced Level:

- Meets ALL of the Essential Standards
- Meets ALL but two of the Enhanced Standards (not in the same category)

Accreditation - Essential Level:

- Must meet ALL of the Essential Standards

Library director MUST be certified at the required level:

Grade I: Master's Degree in librarianship from a graduate library program accredited by the American Library Association.

Grade II: Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution plus a minor in library science or library media (at least 18 college credit hours in library coursework).

-or-

Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution and completion of the South Dakota Library Training Institute.

A provisional certification may be granted upon completion of the first year of the Library Institute and upon the completion of the Library Training Institute within seven years of beginning the program.

Grade III: High school diploma or GED with three years of verified library experience, and completion of the South Dakota Library Training Institute.

-or-

A High School diploma and an associate degree in library studies from an accredited institution or at least 18 college credit hours of library coursework.

A provisional certification may be granted upon completion of the first year of the Library Institute and upon the completion of the Library Training Institute within seven years of beginning the program.